







## AUCTION SALES.

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## COOGEE.

IMPORTANT SALE BY AUCTION.

TO-MORROW, THURSDAY,

22 NOVEMBER, AT 11 A.M.

UNDER INSTRUCTIONS FROM

MR. LEWIS.

SUPERIOR HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE AND

EFFECTS,

AT THE RESIDENCE,

EDGEBURY.

HOWARD-STREET, DOOGEE,

(CARDBOARD-BOX TRAM STOP).

Including

GLASS, CERAMIC, AND ELECTROPLATE.

BEST QUALITY LINOLEUM,

ONLY VERY RECENTLY LAID DOWN TO SEVERAL

ROOMS AND ENTRANCE HALL, IN PERFECT

ORDER.

CHINATOWNS,

AND ABOUT 180 FEET OF FILM.

WALNUT OR SIDEBOARD, OF ENGLISH MANUFACTURE, AND WELL PITTED.

TAPESTRY, AND DRAUGHT-SUITE,

SOLID OAK BUFFET, WITH CABINET BACK.

ROSEWOOD DRAWING-ROOM CABINET.

VALUABLE PIANOFORTES,

UPRIGHT MODEL, IN WALNUT CASE, by STEINER

(as enclosed order).

PUNCHED OAK DRAWER SUITE,

GENERAL HOUSEHOLD REQUESTED.

HANNAN'S BATH-TERATOR,

WITH SHOWER-ATTACHED, LAVATORY IMPROVED,

SHOWER BATH.

SINKER GAS STOVE,

WALL, CHAMFERED THROUGHOUT.

KITCHEN AND LAUNDRY EFFECTS

AND MISCELLANEOUS GENERAL LOT.

WITHOUT ANY RESERVE.

ON VIEW PRIOR TO SALE, TO-MORROW,

EDGEBURY, MORNING, FROM 8 A.M.

JAMES R. LAWSON,

EXPERT VALUATOR,

FURNITURE, AND GENERAL

AUCTIONEER,

26 AND 108 CASTLEBREATH-STREET,

NEAR PARK-STREET.

TELEPHONE, 7466 CITY.

## GREAT FURNITURE SALE

AT

JAMES R. LAWSON'S

CENTRAL COMMODUS AUCTION SALEROOMS,

106 AND 108 CASTLEBREATH-STREET,

NEAR PARK-STREET.

EXTENSIVE FURNITURE SALE

FRIDAY NEXT, NOVEMBER 24,

AT ELEVEN O'CLOCK A.M. PROMPT.

MODERN ARTISTIC FURNITURE

and

GENERAL HOUSEHOLD APPOINTMENTS

REMOVED FOR CONVENIENCE OF SALE FROM

SPEEDWELL COOGEE,

THE MARSH RESIDENCE OF

PHILLIP JOSEPH, ESQ.

THE MOTHER AND FURNITURE, GENERALLY

WERE SUPPLIED TO MR. JOSEPH BY

MR. WATSON, LTD.

ALSO,

UNDER INSTRUCTIONS FROM

MRS. H. CONLON.

THE COMPLETE FURNITURE,

HOUSEHOLD APPOINTMENTS, AND EFFECTS,

Removed from the Possession of

MRS. H. CONLON, AND CO.,

AND TO BE SOLD

WITHOUT ANY RESERVE.

\*\* FULL PARTICULARS IN LATER ADVERTISE-

MENTS.

JAMES R. LAWSON,

VALUATOR AND GENERAL AUCTIONEER,

26 AND 108 CASTLEBREATH-STREET,

NEAR PARK-STREET.

TELEPHONE, 7466 CITY.

60 HOMMONGERS, DEALERS, PRIVATE BUYERS,

AND THE TRADE IN GENERAL

WITHOUT RESERVE.

TO-MORROW, THURSDAY, AT 11 O'C.

At the Rooms,

220 Pitt-street

4 doors from Pitt-street.

On Account of a very large number, the Complete

Stock of H. CONLON, LTD.

HOMMONGERS,

KITCHENWARE, Household

Appliances, and Effects,

Removed from the Possession of

H. CONLON, LTD.

The above offers an exceptional opportunity to the

Trade and others to secure a real clean stock at the

right price.

NOW ON VIEW.

RUBB,

AUCTIONEER AND VALUATOR,

22 Pitt-street,

Sydney, N.S.W.

AUCTIONEER,

22 Pitt-street.







## THE PRINTING OFFICE

## GOVERNMENT PROPOSAL

## CIRCULAR QUAY SITE. STRONG OPPOSITION.

The recommendation of the Public Works Committee that a Government Printing Office should be erected on the site at present occupied by the old commissariat stores on the western side of Circular Quay is likely to meet with strong opposition. The chief reason for this is (1) the fact that a building of this description would not enhance the appearance of the main entrance to the city from the harbour; and (2) that the growing shipping requirements of Sydney, in conjunction with the city railway extension, are such that the site in question is likely to be of great importance in years to come.

The Government Printer, Mr. W. A. Gullik, strongly favours the site, on the ground that a central site is required, and that no better could be found as far as the advantages of communication are concerned, especially in view of the extension of the railway and the proposed site of construction of the North Shore bridge. From a hauling and storage point of view, the proposed building would also have many advantages. Owing to the length of the frontage, a building of four floors would meet all requirements, and any one who has seen the plans of the building will be able to appreciate the view it would afford. Inasmuch as the plans provided for a handsome building with two fronts—one from facing the harbour, two towers on the facade facing the Quay road, and a tower on a wing extending an effective skyline. As to the necessity for a new building, he stated that he cannot at present take into account the cost of building, but it cannot be less than £10,000. "I am now giving out at least £10,000 worth of Government work a year, and there is other work which I cannot take up," he said.

## THE CARE AGAINST.

The proposal is strongly opposed, however, by the Sydney Harbour Trust and the shipping and trading community. In his evidence before the Public Works Committee, Mr. C. G. Lance, president of the Harbour Trust, said the site was not suitable for a building on the broad ground that passes through the area from the water front should be reserved for purposes connected with the port. It was also the Commissioners' desire to make use of portion of the land for their new offices. "A printing office," he said, "has no real necessities which will give it a place in the community. Commissioners can not help thinking that it would be quite possible to find many other sites suitable for the Government Printing Office, and that when this is done, it will be like 20 years hence."

The making of a note was admitted by Mr. Lance, who paid £24 12s. 6d. into court as sufficient to meet the plaintiff's claim. As to the balance, he pleaded by way of cross-charge that the plaintiff had given him a receipt for certain book debts to the amount of £300, and in consideration of an express warranty given by the plaintiff that the debt was to be paid. Yet the value of the good debts was not more than the amount paid into court, and defendant was willing to set off the amount due to him against the amount of damage he had sustained by reason of the damage to his property.

The case stands part heard.

## LAW REPORT.

## HIGH COURT.

Before the Chief Justice, Sir Samuel Griffith, Mr. Justice Isaacs, and Mr. Justice Rich. The combined appeal by Sir Albert John Good, Francis Carson, and Mr. Justice Frank Allen, and Thomas B. Birkbeck, against the decision of Mr. Justice Harvey, in the Equity Court, respecting claims made against them as directors of the Mount Oxide Mines, Ltd., are still part heard.

## SUPREME COURT.

## BANCO COURT.

(Before the Chief Justice and a jury of four.) ACTION FOR CAUSING DISMISAL. Carson v. Railway Workers and General Labourers' Association and Bodkin.

Mr. Breckinridge and Mr. Crawford, instructed by Mr. Peter J. Clinch, appeared for the defendants. This was an action brought by John George Carson, formerly foreman in the ranks of the Railway Workers and General Labourers' Association and G. C. Bodkin, its secretary, to recover £1,000 damages for the loss of his services, arising from alleged contrivance on the part of the defendants and others to procure his dismissal. Upon the close of the evidence the court adjourned to consider the case for the plaintiff, and Mr. Weston, instructed by Messrs. Logan and Carton, of West Maitland, and their agent, Messrs. S. and J. Weston, for the defendants, brought in a counter-claim for £1,000 damages. The case was adjourned until a hearing of the action was had.

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## A QUESTION OF BOOK DEBTS.

Ben Pryor, Ltd. (in liquidation), v. Sutton, Mr. Bradfield, and Mr. Miller. Stephen, instructed by Mr. T. D. O'Sullivan, of Newcastle, and Mr. J. H. Moffatt and Penny, for the plaintiff; and Mr. Weston, instructed by Messrs. Logan and Carton, of West Maitland, and their agent, Messrs. S. and J. Weston, for the defendants. This was an action brought by John George Carson, formerly foreman in the ranks of the Railway Workers and General Labourers' Association and G. C. Bodkin, its secretary, to recover £1,000 damages for the loss of his services, arising from alleged contrivance on the part of the defendants and others to procure his dismissal. Upon the close of the evidence the court adjourned to consider the case for the plaintiff, and Mr. Weston, instructed by Messrs. Logan and Carton, of West Maitland, and their agent, Messrs. S. and J. Weston, for the defendants, brought in a counter-claim for £1,000 damages. The case was adjourned until a hearing of the action was had.

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## NO. 1 JURY COURT.

(Before Mr. Justice Ferguson and a jury of four.) DISPUTE ABOUT COTTON. Bartsby v. Nobles.

Mr. James, instructed by Mr. J. H. Clayton, appeared for the plaintiff; and Mr. W. Watt, instructed by Mr. W. F. Brennan, for the defendants. The plaintiff, Mr. Nobles, stated that he had a large amount of cotton in his possession, and was arranging to sell it, and that there will be a large area from the rail way up to our building which could be used as a garden, the building will be a great aid to us, and there is in with the surroundings. This area would help to block the noise from the city railway passing overhead, and would be used for storage purposes, while the frontage to George-street would be used for a florist shop. We fear that all the land will be required. I consider that even if the Harbour Trust Commissioners were not able to proceed with the site at Circular Quay, it should still be retained for purposes, which no man can foresee, in connection with the development of a port such as Sydney.

Mr. E. S. Walsh, Commissioner and Engineer-in-Chief of the Harbour Trust, stated that the shipping people, and the object of the proposed site, was for a Government Printing Office. "It was not for the war, I think the shipping companies would be asking us to do this, but that they will all use the large parts of the water the Harbour Trust takes charge of the receiving, storing and delivering of goods arriving from overseas, and the shipping companies who had half-a-dozen conferences with the shipping companies, who had requested us to do the same, that in Sydney we receive a large amount of shipping. Harbour makes it most difficult for the Harbour Trust to find suitable areas for building large stores. From Dawes and Birkbeck, as well as on the east and west sides of Woolloomooloo Bay, there are precipitous cliffs at the head of the bay, and there are only a few suitable places where we can get good flat areas for the building of large stores. The Commissioners are in a position to do this, Circular Quay is really the best site we have for a large distributing store, either for rail or vehicular work."

SYDNEY EXPANDING TRADE. Bartsby v. Nobles. Before Mr. Justice Ferguson and a jury of four.) Mr. Cuthbertson, chairman of the New South Wales Chamber of Shipping Association, Mr. R. Murdoch (chairman of the International Steamship Owners' Association), Captain T. Langley, Webb, manager of Hunter's Park, and Mr. E. Sturt (secretary of the Overseas Shipping Representatives' Association). They all spoke in opposition to the proposal, and the Government Printing Office on the site in question.

In the course of a statement specially prepared by Mr. Murdoch said: "The trade of Sydney has grown by leaps and bounds. The value of exports and imports have increased, not by thousands but by millions, while the tonnage of shipping entered and cleared has increased, and is still increasing, and has a great future ahead of it. If we had congestion it is created through lack of water, and there is no water available for the building of large stores. The Commissioners are in a position to do this, Circular Quay is really the best site we have for a large distributing store, either for rail or vehicular work."

Mr. Cuthbertson said: "The unanimous view of the council of the Chamber of Commerce is that, in anticipation of the future development of the waterways of Sydney, it would be most suitable to build a wharf alongside the water, which was not closely associated with shipping, more especially a big, growing wharf like the Government Printing Office.

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But the Works Committee has not taken this view. It has, instead, by a very narrow majority, voted unanimously in favour of erecting the Printing Office on the Circular Quay site.

CHARGE AGAINST A CLERK. PERIOD, Tuesday.

The Civil Service Commissioner, Mr. Jull, yesterday issued a charge against a clerk upon whom Hay, Leighton, a clerk in the Registrar-General's Department, was recently suspended. Leighton was accused of having defrauded him of an account of his remuneration in the office list, and of having distributed it among male and female typists, in the course of his work. A decree nisi was granted, and having posted up in the office passage way a printed notice unsigned, "Yes, All the typists are to be paid £100 a week, Maltese or Chinese!" And under it the military censor's notice under the War Precautions Act, "Confidential and not for publication."

Leighton said he got the literature from the anti-conscriptionists, and distributed it to all the typists, he said, as he had done so in ignorance. He did not receive the literature as unsigned. The official notice prohibited the posting of notices. He had not known that the notice might have been in the list or elsewhere.

HOME AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT. MELBOURNE, Tuesday.

In reply to criticism directed at the continuation of the inquiry into the administration of the Home Affairs Department, the Public Service General Board said that this was far from being so far-reaching a nature that it was the most economically conducted of any that had preceded it. To withdraw in face of the evidence adduced would be a public scandal, unfair alike to the public and the clerks concerned.

## LAW REPORT.

## BANKRUPTCY.

(Before Mr. Justice Street.) APPLICATION TO SET ASIDE BANKRUPTCY ORDER. Re Charles Duncan, ex parte Robert Henry Ferguson.

Mr. Clive Tease, instructed by Mr. George Crook, appeared for the applicant, Charles Duncan, of Brookvale Nursey, Brookvale, Manly; and Mr. Alice Thomas, instructed by

Markus Dadds and Richardson, for Robert Henry Ferguson. The latter last September had good reason to file a promissory note for £20, and obtained judgment for the amount, with interest and costs, amounting to £10.00. He was not having paid the amount of the verdict, was not having served with a bankruptcy notice. He has the following to say: "I have had the notice set aside on the following grounds: That the notice of bankruptcy notice was not given to me, and the action brought by Duncan against Modine on September 1 last to recover £200 damage in connection with certain charges preferred against 15 members of the I.W.W. organisation. The action was still at issue. The judgment did not give the amount of the verdict, but the action brought by Duncan against Modine on September 1 last to recover £200 damage in connection with certain charges preferred against 15 members of the I.W.W. organisation. The action was still at issue. 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## BIRTHS.

CAMPBELL.—November 13, at St. Rose's Hospital, Paddington, to Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Campbell, a son, 10 lbs. 10 ozs. and a daughter, 6 lbs. 10 ozs.

EDWARDS.—November 13, Mr. and Mrs. Frank L. Edwards, Remuera, Violet-street, Chatswood—a daughter, 8 lbs. 10 ozs.

GRAY.—November 18, at Wangan, Creekwood-road, Rose Bay, to Mr. and Mrs. J. Glass—a son.

HAWKINS.—November 8, 1916, at Waltham, 16 Pacific Avenue, a son, 8 lbs. 10 ozs., the wife of E. C. Hawkins, a daughter.

KELMAN.—Born to Mr. and Mrs. J. Leslie Kelman, 100, Pittamilline, a son, 7 lbs. 10 ozs.

MCLELLAN.—November 13, at Melbourne Education—September 21, 1916, at 150 Greville-street, Haberfield, the wife of Mr. D. J. McLean, a daughter.

MOTT.—Born to Mr. and Mrs. J. Mott, 100, Greville-street, Haberfield, Wagstaff, the wife of Mr. and Mrs. J. G. S. Mott, a daughter, 7 lbs. 10 ozs.

SPINDLER.—See SPINDLER.

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SMITH.—November 14, at Broadwater private hospital, Broadwater, the wife of Mr. J. S. Jackson, a son, 7 lbs. 10 ozs.

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TODD.—Born to Mr. and Mrs. J. Todd, 100, Greville-street, Haberfield, a son, 7 lbs. 10 ozs.

## MARRIAGES.

BALDWIN.—October 28, 1916, at Presbyterian Church, Chatswood, by the Rev. Mr. McDonald, a son, 7 lbs. 10 ozs., the wife of Mr. and Mrs. Baldwin, a daughter, 5 lbs. 10 ozs.

CHAWFIELD.—November 11, 1916, at Holy Trinity Church, Ipswich Hill, by Rev. A. G. Chawfield, a son, 7 lbs. 10 ozs., the wife of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Chawfield, Ashton, Lewisham, to Christine Catherine (Kathy) daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Chawfield, a daughter, 7 lbs. 10 ozs.

COOPER.—Born to Mr. and Mrs. Cooper, 100, Greville-street, Haberfield, a son, 7 lbs. 10 ozs.

ELLIOTT.—October 4, 1916, at St. Stephen's Church, Phillips-street, city, by the Rev. John Ferguson, a son, 7 lbs. 10 ozs., the wife of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Elliott, Armadale, England, to Florence, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. Behague, Barnettsquare, a daughter, 7 lbs. 10 ozs.

READ.—STUDIARD.—November 9, at St. Andrew's Cathedral, Sydney, by the Rev. R. E. Freston, M.A., Precentor, Professor of Moral Philosophy, University of Sydney, the daughter of Arthur Studiard, Esq., of Leeds, Yorkshire.

SHAW.—HARRISON.—August 26, 1916, at Christ Church, Paddington, by the Rev. K. Kellie, Rev. Dr. Harrison, a son, 7 lbs. 10 ozs., the wife of Rev. Dr. W. H. Shaw, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. Shaw, and Mrs. Herbert, Headstone, Headstone.

WATTS.—TRADER.—October 24, at St. John's, by the Rev. Mr. Elwin, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102, 103, 104, 105, 106, 107, 108, 109, 110, 111, 112, 113, 114, 115, 116, 117, 118, 119, 120, 121, 122, 123, 124, 125, 126, 127, 128, 129, 130, 131, 132, 133, 134, 135, 136, 137, 138, 139, 140, 141, 142, 143, 144, 145, 146, 147, 148, 149, 150, 151, 152, 153, 154, 155, 156, 157, 158, 159, 160, 161, 162, 163, 164, 165, 166, 167, 168, 169, 170, 171, 172, 173, 174, 175, 176, 177, 178, 179, 180, 181, 182, 183, 184, 185, 186, 187, 188, 189, 190, 191, 192, 193, 194, 195, 196, 197, 198, 199, 200, 201, 202, 203, 204, 205, 206, 207, 208, 209, 210, 211, 212, 213, 214, 215, 216, 217, 218, 219, 220, 221, 222, 223, 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# ROUMANIA

IN  
GRAVE DANGER  
ENEMY'S ADVANCE IN  
THE WEST

## MONASTIR

### ENEMY'S RETIREMENT

## RUSSIA

### PRO-GERMAN PLOTS

The position of Roumania is extremely critical.

The enemy, having broken through the Vulcan Pass, is descending towards the main western railway. It is feared that, from here, he may spread his armies over the Wallachian Plains.

Elsewhere on this front the Roumanians are holding their positions.

The Allies are now beyond Monastir, on the Western Macedonian front, and are continuing their pursuit of the retiring Bulgarians and Germans.

The Allies have demanded that the Ministers of enemy countries shall forthwith leave Greece. There have been disturbances in Athens, both for and against the Allies.

There is a political crisis in Russia, due to the exposure of pro-German plots in very influential Ministerial circles in Petrograd.

Heavy frosts and snow are reported from the western front.

### WESTERN BATTLES.

#### ATTACK ON GRANDCOURT.

LONDON, Nov. 21.—Mr. Percival Gibbons, writing from the British Headquarters on the Somme, says: "The British attack on Saturday started at Flers and Regain, trenches after a bitter snowy night. All weather conditions were against the attack, but the men of all units of use, the gleam enabling the phones to keep touch."

The principal success was gained on the right by a famous formation, who are now looking where hard hand-to-hand work has to be done. We took Grandcourt trench, and there was savage bayonet fighting before the trench was captured, but the position was too far ahead of the remainder of the British advance, and the men were ordered to return.

The report issued by Sir Douglas Haig at midnight on Monday says that the British have taken a further 80 prisoners.

The French communiqué issued at midnight on Monday says: "There was considerable hostile artillery fire north of the Somme, and at Douaumont (north of Verdun)."

A German official statement claims: "We threw out the English from the western part of Grandcourt."

#### BATTLES IN FROST AND SNOW.

Correspondents at British headquarters say that it has been freezing for three days. Water and roads are frozen solid, and the surface is ringing hard. The whole earth is blanketed in snow.

British and Canadian troops were responsible for the latest gains, which were achieved with unusually light casualties. The only serious resistance encountered was south of Grandcourt, where machine-guns, dominating the sunken roads and ravines, afforded the enemy a temporary

### ENEMY IN GREECE.

#### MINISTERS TO GO.

#### ORDER BY THE ALLIES

LONDON, Nov. 21.—The Athens correspondent of the "Daily Chronicle" says:—Admiral du Fournet yesterday evening informed the Government that he had given the German, Austrian, Bulgarian, and Turkish Ministers 48 hours notice to go aboard the ship Marienbad for deportation to their respective countries. A Crown Council will be held to-day.

#### SERIOUS DISTURBANCES.

The "Daily Chronicle's" Athens correspondent writes:—A counterblast to the students' pro-Entente manifestation, a serious disturbance occurred on Saturday, when several thousand reservist rowdies paraded the streets, spreading terror and compelling tradesmen to shut their shops.

An attack at the Austrian Legation cheered the rowdies, and it is noteworthy that M. Gounaris signified his approval from the balcony of his home.

Despite the promises of successive Greek Cabinets to dissolve the reservists, the league is as active as ever. A fresh gathering was arranged, several persons being wounded last night. The reservists are endeavouring baselessly to blame the sentries who were guarding the French marines' quarters.

#### VENIZELOS AND THE KING.

M. Venizelos, leader of the Greek Nationals, outlining his policy, states that the National army wishes to wipe out the stain placed on the Greek nation by its disregard of its Serbian treaty obligations. The movement is not anti-Serbian, though there is an open conflict with the Crown owing to the system of despotism set up at Athens.

We have no intention of settling the constitutional question by force of arms," said M. Venizelos; "but when the war has terminated we shall safeguard the national interests. The national defence movement will see that guarantees can be obtained against the possibility of a certain number of persons around the King imposing upon the Crown a policy calculated to drive the country to national suicide. Danger of civil war will only arise if the Greek people, after the war, are prevented from expressing their decisions freely."

### THE AUSTRALIANS.

#### MORE HELP NEEDED.

Captain C. E. W. Bean, official press representative with the Australian Imperial Forces, writing from the British Headquarters in France under date of November 18, says:—

This battle of the Somme is continuing under conditions in which the world might have taken it for granted it would be impossible to fight. The constant autumn rain and unending mud of the last few weeks changed some days since to bitterly cold clear days. Yesterday, even at midday the roads and pools were frozen fast.

This morning found the whole country under a white covering of snow. During the day this turned to sleet, then steady rain. To-night a dripping winter fog covers the battlefield. Through all this fog the Somme battle continues. There are no comfortable trenches there. The battle-ground has been shattered as no other battle-ground, except Verdun, has ever been. Some trenches are no more than muddy shallow ditches, in which the men have to face out the long freezing winter nights. Through all this there goes on the continual attack and counter-attack with incessant shelling, more or less heavy, night and day. It is idle to pretend the men are not enduring severe hardships.

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### ROUMANIA IN PERIL.



The position in Roumania is far from satisfactory, the enemy having made a rapid advance in Western Wallachia along the valley of the Jiu River. They have reached the main western railway between Craiova and Orsova, and their latest communiqué states that they are approaching Craiova, the capital of Western Wallachia. If this is correct, the situation of the Roumanian forces in Orsova is rather awkward. As the capture of Orsova was said to have given the Roumanians control of the Danube, it is important that they should continue to hold that town.

### BEYOND MONASTIR.

#### ALLIES PUSH ON.

#### WHOLE LINE MOVING.

LONDON, Nov. 21.

Mr. Ward Price, who is with the French in Macedonia, writes: The recapture of Monastir has had an effect like a thaw on a frozen river. After six stationary weeks everything is now moving on. The French troops are busy co-operating in the advance. Motor lorries, horse carts, and pack mules form an endless procession through village streets, bearing the impedimenta towards Monastir. The parting cry is, "I'll see you again in Monastir."

The suffering Servians' recent stern push over the snow-clad mountains must have been near the limit—for even their cast-iron physique. The artillery on the whole Allied front has moved forward in consequence of the breaking of the Bulgarian defence line. One thousand German prisoners were taken in a single day. They were mostly young and well clothed. They little relish their captors being Servians, remembering the boast the Germans made that they had wiped out the Servian nation.

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Either the Entente's General Staffs lacked a single directing brain, or there was a want of candour between the Allied Cabinets.

The conditions of the Carpathians struggle do not admit of full defensive preparations. There are deep ravines and dense forests over the approach of the attacking columns. The Germans are able to choose their points of attack. Von Falkenhayn is perpetually seeking to turn the Roumanian defences by outflanking manoeuvres. As the frontier is of immense length, he is able to strike at any point of the line.

As the Germans and Bulgarians retreated they set fire to villages. Their new line of defence has been prepared over months, and is a regular line of double trenches with wire entanglements.

The Germans and Bulgars are still holding on firmly to reguard positions in the Cerna Loop. The Bulgars at noon on Sunday dived a fire-line two and a half miles from Monastir.

DR. WILSON PERTURBED.

The "Morning Post's" Washington correspondent writes: Prilip has developed into a debacle. The Allies have occupied a number of villages north of Monastir, taking prisoners.

A communiqué issued in Paris on Monday afternoon stated:—The battle which has been proceeding since the 10th instant from the Cerna River to Lake Prespa ended in a complete victory for the Allies.

Yesterday witnessed the conclusion of the Karpoleng, south of the Torgburg Pass, were unsuccessful. Here the Roumanians advanced north of the region of Albeck (north of Klimpoling), and captured 100 prisoners.

Enemy attacks south of the Roterberg Pass were repelled.

The Roumanians continue to retire in the Jiu Valley owing to the pressure of superior forces.

The German official report, issued on Monday evening, says:—The Austro-Germans from the Jiu Valley are approaching Craiova, the capital of Western Wallachia.

ITALIAN FRONT.

LONDON, Nov. 21.—An Italian official message states:—The enemy attacked our positions north of Mount Vojnikovjan on the Cerna, and captured a trench. Otherwise they were repulsed with heavy losses.

BRITISH FOOD PROBLEM.

LONDON, Nov. 21.—As a result of the movement in favour of economy and discouragement of waste, the food authorities are arranging short rations. The hotel is specialising in vegetable dishes. There is considerable waste in army centres, and it is hoped to stimulate poultry-production. The Federation of Trade Unions, in a manifesto, express the opinion that rationing will not improve the condition of the army. The result of the public's saving of wheat from showing extravagance in their use of food.

The Board of Trade has issued a regulation, the general effect of which will be to prohibit any increase in the price of milk above present prices. It does not apply to condensed milk.

A second regulation requires flour to contain 72 to 78 per cent. of the wheat milled, according to variety.

AN IMPERIAL COUNCIL.

LONDON, Nov. 21.—The Freedom of Edinburgh was conferred on Mr. Massay, the Prime Minister of New Zealand. Mr. Massay, in replying, said New Zealand was prepared to accept an Imperial Council as a preliminary to a fuller Imperial Parliament, the council to meet yearly in London or in one of the Dominions. The operations were in an absolute check of the most violent sort, yet made by the Germans on the Somme front.

MR. BALFOUR ATTACKED.

LONDON, Nov. 21.—The Harmsworth Press continues its attacks on Mr. Balfour. The Admiralty, especially in his relation to the Allies, is considered a sanginary defeat. Considerable forces were employed at Abd-el-Kerim and Chelone Wood. The attack was extended to the north of the Somme, however. Lebouef and Bouchavesnes, though finally captured some advanced elements in the village of Plessive and the outposts of St. Pierre Vaast Wood at the end of heavy losses. The operations resulted in a loss of 75,000 of the best men.

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CLAIMS FOR DAMAGES.

NEW LONDON, Nov. 20.—Bonds have been lodged as security in connection with actions against the Germanic Corporation, which had reportedly sunk a tug recently, and caused the deaths of five persons.

There is now no longer any legal restriction against her departure for Germany.

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